

FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

Third Sunday of Advent

So, What Should We Do?

Today's Gospel comes across with a refreshing and practical simplicity. **"What should we do?"** is the question everyone keeps asking the Baptizer in today's Gospel. It's not only a good question, **it's the right question!** They didn't ask, "What should we say?" or "What should we read?" or "What should we think?" or "What should we feel?" It's not that what you say and think is irrelevant; it's just incomplete and stagnant. Instead they asked about what actions they should take in response to the preaching of God's Messenger. John doesn't hold back or mince words: **"Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do the likewise"**. To the tax collectors he says: **"Stop cheating and robbing your customers!"** To the soldiers he says: **"Stop extorting the people and making false accusations against them"**. To all of us he says: Treat your neighbor the way you would want to be treated and treat God the way God deserves to be treated! In other words, turn away from sin and start practicing your faith!

Catholic teaching, rooted in the Scriptures, offers us some very specific and concrete ways of putting our faith into action: Namely, practicing the *Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy*. These works of mercy highlight 14 acts of charity and justice. The seven **Corporal Works of Mercy** are actions directly related to the care of and concern for the physical (body) and material needs of our neighbors. They are: Feed the hungry; Give drink to the thirsty; Clothe the naked; Shelter the homeless; Visit the sick; Visit the imprisoned; and Bury the dead. The seven **Spiritual Works of Mercy** are equally concrete but directed towards the needs of the soul (i.e., the heart and mind). They are: Admonish (warn, caution, correct) the sinner; Instruct the ignorant (especially regarding the tenets of the Faith); Counsel the doubtful; Comfort the sorrowful; Bear wrongs patiently; Forgive all injuries; and Pray for the living and the dead.

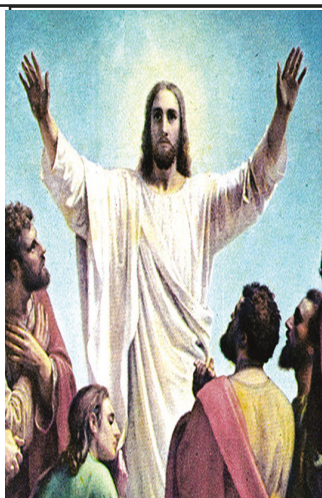
The Seven Principles of **Catholic Social Teaching** further highlight our call and obligation to DO the work of justice. These principles include **the innate dignity of the human person, rights and responsibilities** (e.g., to food, shelter, healthcare, employment, etc.), **preferential option for the poor, the dignity of work and the right to unionize and the obligation to be good stewards of the earth and good stewards of each other (solidarity).**

When you ask the right question and get the right answer, there is only one thing left that matters: DOING the right thing.

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SEE WEB PAGE FOR FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES AND LISTEN TO
FATHER PAT'S SERMON PODCAST



He will baptize
you with the
Holy Spirit
and fire.

Sunday, December 16, 2018

Scripture Readings

3rd Sunday of Advent

Zep 3:14-18a

Phil 4:4-7

Lk 3:10-18

4th Sunday of Advent

MI 5:1-4a

Heb 10:5-10

Lk 1:39-45



8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

Mon	Dec	16	Thersa Percell	-Living
Tues	Dec	17	Gerald Harshaw	-Deceased
Wed	Dec	18	Billy Chesley	-Living
Thurs	Dec	19	Barbara Walker	-Living
Fri	Dec	20	Sandra Kimbell	-Living

Attendance

736



BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is held every Wednesday in the School Cafeteria at 7:00pm.



A CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Monday, December 24

11:00pm

The Music Ministries of Saint Augustine
invite you to
"Great Joy"
By Joseph Joubert



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This Sunday's Second Collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Thank you for your continued support. Next Sunday's Second Collection is for our Parish Poor.

St. Augustine School Love to Learn; Learn to Love

SR. GLORIA AGUMAGU, HHCJ PRINCIPAL

INFORMATION: 202-667-2608

Catholic Education Corner



Saint Augustine School is now registering for the 2018-2019 school year for grades Pre-K3, Pre-K4 through Eighth. For an application or more information, please contact Mr. Raven Wilkins, Director of Admissions at 202-667-2608 or email: admissions@saintaugustine-dc.org.



Check out our School's 2018 video on our school landing page at www.staug-dc.org or by searching "St. Augustine Catholic School DC" on YouTube. Thank you!



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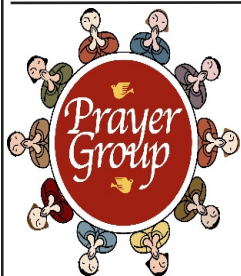
SAINT AUGUSTINE SCHOOL
Students will be selling candy after each Mass. The candy is \$1.00 a bar.



LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

Have you participated in a Life in the Spirit Seminar? Do you desire to help others yield to the action of the Holy Spirit in their lives? Our goal is to launch this Seminar in Spring

2019, but first we need your help! If you feel inspired to be a part of the **Life in the Spirit**. Please email: staugustineprayergroup@gmail.com with the subject line Life in the Spirit. Thank you!

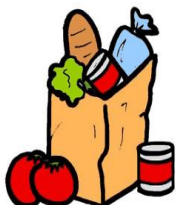


PRAYER GROUP MEETING

Friday, December 21, 2018

7:00pm in the Chapel

Everyone is welcome!



SHARE

SHARE packages for the month of January are on sale at the Ushers' Table.

Please Pray for Our Sick & Homebound

Gwendolyn Adams
John Adams, Sr.
Beatrice Alexander
Francis Arnold
Ronald Ausbrooks
William Barksdale
Althea Black
Frances Brook
Norma Brown
Williams Burgan
Andrew Burton
Angela Callaghan
Marguerite Carroll
Phillip Cephas
Billy Chesley
Delores Chisley
Alice Clair
Ollie Mae Clark
Vincent Michael Clarke
Ernestine Coghill Howard
Emy-Lou Daley
Pauline Dines
Theola Douglas
Susan Epps
Roberta Fancher
Barbara Ferguson
Julie Fish
Toni Fisher
Richard B. Fowler
Daniel Galloway
Cathryn Gartmann
Charles Gathers
Rev Bob Gilliam
Shirley Goodall
Irving Goodall
Butler Grant
Rev Charles Green
Teresta Green

Valencia Green
Robert Greenfield
Frances Gulston
Grace Hansberry
Brian Harvey
Michelle Harvey
John Harris
Patricia Herndon
Albert Hill
Emily Hill
Jeanne Hinckley
Deborah Jackson
Charles Jackson
Marlene Jackson
Malcolm Jamison
Eleanor Johnson
Paul Joy
Robert Judon
Sandra Kimbell
Benjamin Kilgore
Keats Labule
Raymond Lane
Louisa Lee
Mary Leonard
Elнора Lindsey
Rev. Malanga
Bernadette Mahoney
Lita Majors
Florence Matthews
Sandlyie Matthews
Floyd McCrory
James McNamara
Will Miller
Sylvia Monroe
Arnetia Montague
Renata Montague
Evelyn Morgan
Alpha Nacnas

Julius Oben
Colelle Ogbey
Eileen Ogu
Harriet Parker
Gunny David Pauley
Cecilia Pendero
Audrey Plaskett
Rhoda Pounds
Theresa Purell
Gladys Quarells
Tracey Quarells
Joan Rocio
Ashley Redhead, Jr.
Inez Robinson
Isidro Rodriguez
Ruth Robinson
Lisa Rivera
Gertina Simms
Aise Simmons
Mary Smith
Donnie Stewart
Don Strong
Mary Helen Swann
Juanita Towns
Hayden Vaughn
Lillian Vaughn
Terry Vaughn
Shirley Ward
Betty Washington
Elliot Weaver
Cynthia Wilkins
Bernice Williams
Efrim Williams
Kirk Williams
Teresa Wilkinson
Lozzie York

PRAY FOR OUR DEAD



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL



Pastoral Parish Council Meetings are held every 3rd Saturday of the month at 9:00 am in the Gingras Center. Meetings are open to all parishioners.



PARK FREE SUNDAY

FROM 9am — 4pm
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Opens before and after weekend Masses. Use Visa or MasterCard (\$10 min), check (\$5min), or cash to buy: Bibles - Missals - Rosaries - Books on the Pope, Saints, Parish History, Faith, Discernment, Marriage, Children's Books, Father Pat's Homilies and more.

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RCIA MEETS TUESDAYS AT 6:45— 8:45 IN THE GINGRAS CENTER—SABRINA WILLIAMS AT 202-294-6990

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